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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council
November 10, 2014

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on November 10, 2014 in the Early Literacy Room at the Safford Public Library, 808 South Seventh Avenue, Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Regional Council Members present in person:

Chair Laurie Smith, Vice Chair JoAnn Morales, Ryan Henry, Stacy Morris, Donna McGaughey, Susan Norton and Pam Patt

Member Morris joined the meeting at 1:15

Regional Council Members Absent:

Kasey Ekman and Christie Rivera

Call to the Public

Chair Smith announced Call to the Public. There was no response.

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2014 Regular Meeting was made by Member McGaughey, seconded by Member Henry. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Discussion and Approval of SFY16-18 Strategic Direction and SFY2016 Funding Plan Strategy Allocations and TSU's

- Member Patt moved to approve the funding of the Quality First package for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$149,348 to fund up to 6 medium centers and 3 homes through a statewide RFGA with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member Henry. Motion carried (7-0-0).
- Member Henry moved to approve the funding of up to 20 additional Quality First Scholarships for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$428,000 through a statewide RFGA with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Vice Chair Morales. Motion carried (7-0-0)

- Member Morris moved to approve the funding of REWARD\$ for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$27,000 to fund 20 scholars through RFGA with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member Norton. Motion carried (7-0-0)
- Member McGaughey moved to approve the funding of Home Visitation for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$120,000 to fund 20 families homes through RFGA with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member Henry. Motion carried (7-0-0)
- Member Norton moved to approve the funding of Parent Outreach & Awareness for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$130,000 to fund 500 adults, 2,000 children and 24,000 books through Grant Agreement with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member Patt. Motion carried (7-0-0)
- Vice Chair Morales moved to approve the funding of Parent Outreach & Awareness (Reach Out & Read) for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$10,675 to fund 1 practice and 1,750 books through a Multi-Regional FRGA with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member Morris. Motion carried (7-0-0)
- Member Henry moved to approve the funding of Community Awareness for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$12,000 with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member McGaughey. Motion carried (7-0-0)
- Member McGaughey moved to approve the funding of Community Outreach for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$16,080 with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Vice Chair Morales. Motion carried (7-0-0)
- Member Norton moved to approve the funding of Media for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$15,000 with adjustments made by Regional Director as needed based on council intent. Seconded by Member Henry. Motion carried (7-0-0)
- Member Henry moved to approve the funding of Statewide Evaluation for SFY2016 up to the amount of \$45,552. Seconded by Member Morris. Motion carried (7-0-0)

Discussion and Approval of Governance Policy

Member McGaughey moved to approve the Governance Policy as provided in Attachment 03, changing the yearly calendar adoption from fiscal to calendar year. Seconded by Member Henry. Motion carried (7-0-0)

Discussion and Approval of 2015 Regional Council Meeting Calendar

Member Henry moved to approve the 2015 Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Meeting Calendar as provided in Attachment 04a. Seconded by Vice Chair Morales. Motion carried (7-0-0)

Outreach Update

Outreach Coordinator, Paulette LeBlanc, reported on her activities for October, highlighting the site visit to Morenci's Early Learning Center and the Early Childhood Coalition Meeting. She also shared an outreach story she had written entitled "A Family Affair", telling of four generations from the same household involved in the Imagination Library.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location

The next regular meeting will be held on January 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library.

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:55 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Shari Elkins,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Director

Approved:

Laurie Smith,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Chair

SFY 2016 Target Service Units Proposed

Strategy	Service Unit	2016	2017	2018
		Target	Target	Target
Child Care Health Consultation (Statewide)	Number of center based providers served	4	4	4
	Number of home based providers served	3	3	3
	Number of Non-QF Centers	-	-	-
	Number of Non-QF Homes	-	-	-
Quality First Academy (Statewide) Note: Regional Council does not set service unit	Number of technical assistance providers served	4	4	4
Quality First Coaching & Incentives including Specialized TA (Statewide)	Number of center based providers served	4	4	4
	Number of home based providers served	3	3	3
	Number of Rating Only Centers	-	-	-
Quality First Scholarships (Statewide)	Number of scholarship slots for children 0-5 years	48	46	45
FTF Professional REWARDS	Number of incentive awards distributed	20	20	20
Home Visitation	Number of children receiving screening	20	20	20
	Number of developmental screenings conducted	20	20	20
	Number of families served	20	20	20
	Number of hearing screenings conducted	-	-	-
Parenting Outreach and Awareness	Number of vision screenings conducted	-	-	-
	Number of books distributed	25,750	25,750	25,750
	Number of events held	300	300	300
	Number of participating practices	1	1	1
	Number of resource guides distributed	-	-	-
	Number of workshops held	-	-	-

Allocations and Funding Sources	2016	2017	2018
FY Allocation	\$269,754	\$850,766	\$850,766
Population Based Allocation	\$269,754	\$546,479	\$546,479
Discretionary Allocation		\$304,287	\$304,287
Other (FTF Fund balance addition)			
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$740,639	\$106,434	\$53,398
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$1,010,393	\$957,200	\$904,164
Strategies	Proposed Allotment	Proposed Allotment	Proposed Allotment
Child Care Health Consultation (statewide)	\$17,290	\$17,290	\$17,290
Quality First Academy (statewide)	\$6,580	\$6,580	\$6,580
Quality First Coaching & Incentives Specialized Technical Assistance (statewide)	\$79,782	\$71,267	\$67,327
Quality First Scholarships (statewide)	\$428,000	\$443,337	\$440,834
FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
Home Visitation	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Parenting Outreach and Awareness	\$140,675	\$140,675	\$140,675
Community Awareness	\$12,000	\$11,000	\$12,500
Community Outreach	\$16,080	\$16,080	\$16,080
Media	\$11,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
Statewide Evaluation	\$45,552	\$45,552	\$45,552
Total	\$903,958	\$903,781	\$903,838
Total Unallotted	\$106,434	\$53,419	\$327



January 2015 Director's Report

Graham/Greenlee

Regional Partnership Council

General Updates

2016 Funding Plans

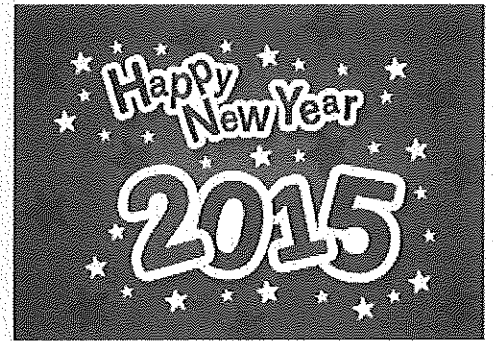
- The First Things First State Board Meeting will be held January 20th and 21st. All 28 regions will be presenting their 2016 Funding Plans to the State Board for approval.

Federal Preschool Development Grant & Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships Grant Update

- Arizona was awarded both the Preschool Development Grant and Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership Grants. This is certainly great news for Arizona!
- Arizona's Preschool Development Grant is \$20,000,000 in Year 1, and pending funding renewal, could total \$80,000,000 over four years.
- Preschool Development Grants are designed to support states in building, developing and expanding voluntary, high quality preschool programs for children from low and moderate income families. Arizona's application outlines a strong systems approach – with links to quality improvement through FTF's Quality First program.
- The new Early Head Start-Child Care (EH-CC) Partnerships grant allows new or existing Early Head Start programs to partner with local child care centers and family child care providers serving infants and toddlers from low-income families. The partnerships are designed to support working families by providing a full-day, full-year program so that low-income children have the healthy and enriching early experiences they need to realize their full potential.

Regional Council Recruitment

- We have two open seats on the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council: At Large and Faith Based. Please spread the word to anyone that you think might be interested in applying.



Early Childhood Coalition

The next meeting for the Early Childhood Coalition will be:

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
4:00

Eastern Arizona College

Home Visitation Coalition

The next meeting for the Graham/Greenlee Home Visitation Coalition will be:

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
1:00

General Services Building

**Save the Date for the
2015 Early Childhood
Summit August 24-25**



Strategy Updates and Quarter 1 Data Report

Strategy	FY2015 Allotted	FY2015 Target Service Units	End of Quarter 1 Actual Service Units	FY2014 Performance/Financial Updates and Significant Milestones
Home Visitation	\$120,000	20 Families	14 Families 36 Children	Grantee served 70% of their TSU's. They expended 22% of their award.
Parent Outreach & Awareness	\$110,000	300 Workshops 24,000 books	172 Workshops 6,504 Books	Grantee reached 57% of their TSU's through workshops and 27% through their book club, expending 19% of their award.
Food Security	\$10,000	750 Food Boxes	367 Food Boxes	Grantee distributed food boxes to 573 young children, 49% of their TSU's. They expended 15% of their award.
Quality First Scholarships	\$94,000	79 Children	55 Children	Grantee distributed child care scholarships to 55 children, 70% of their TSU's.
Reach Out and Read	\$5,000	1,750 Books	402 Books	Grantee reached 23% of their TSU's, expending 52% of their award.
Oral Health	\$80,000	500 Screenings 450 Varnishes	56 Screenings 13 Varnishes	Grantee reached 11% of their TSU's in screenings and 3% in varnishes. They expended 16% of their award.
REWARDS\$	\$45,000	30 Scholars	Scholars	No Data Available for Quarter 1

Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Timeline 2015

Month	Tasks
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council Meeting (January 12th) • Funding Plan Summary and Presentation to State Board • Grantee Data Reports – 1st Quarter Data
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting if Needed (February 9th)
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council Meeting (March 9th) • Grantee Data Reports – 2nd Quarter Data
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council Meeting (April 13th) • Renewals/RFGA's
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting if Needed (May 11th)
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council Meeting (June 8th) • Grantee Data Reports – 3rd Quarter Data • Chair/Vice Chair Elections
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting if Needed (July 13th)
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council Meeting (August 11th) • FY15 Grantee Reports • Grantee Data Reports – 4th Quarter Data • Early Childhood Summit (August 24th & 25th)
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting if Needed (September 7th) • Grantee Orientation
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council Meeting (October 19th) • SFY2017 Regional Allocations Announced by State Board • SFY2017 Funding Plan Discussions
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Council Meeting (November 9th) • Approval of Strategies, Allocations & TSU's for FY17
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting if Needed (December 7th)



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GRAHAM/GREENLEE REGION COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES November 2014

Highlighted sections are facilitated by FTF Supporters or Champions.

Date	Description	# of Partic.	Comments
Nov 3	Submitted article for the Graham County School Supt. Newsletter, <i>Halloween: The Day After</i> .		Thanks, Donna!
Nov 5	Submitted article for the Senior Citizen Newsletter, <i>Halloween: The Day After</i> .		This is the same article as above, edited to be aimed at grandparents and great grandparents. Thanks, Royce!
Nov 10	Attended FTF Regional Council Meeting.		Reported on activities of the past two months. Talked about the success of the site visit.
Nov 13	Facilitated a STEM presentation for Safford Business and Professional Women and AAUW.	14	This presentation featured STEM opportunities from early childhood through high school in the Gila Valley. I spoke of the preschool math-science workshops hosted for families at the library funded through FTF.
Nov 14	Attended the FTF in-service meeting in Phoenix.		I presented my strategy for sharing early childhood information at networking meetings through a readers' theater approach. Angela, my supervisor, forwarded all documents to Community Outreach.
Nov 17	Attended a Write Way training in Tucson to learn the new model from two other community outreach coordinators.		Aggie Hart and Lisette DeMars extended an invitation to observe them in action. This was a wonderful learning experience.
Nov 19	Published the Gratitude article in the <i>Courier</i> .		David Bell, Editor, is always very accommodating for FTF.
Nov 25	Attended the Greenlee County Networking Team meeting.	12	I shared the Graham-Greenlee Early Childhood Data handout with attendees.
	Total	26	

Cumulative Report (July – November 2014):

Earned Media: 8 *Countdown to Kindergarten* Series in the *Courier* and *Copper Era* (7); *Like All Skills, Gratitude is Best Learned Young*.

Newsletter Articles: 4 -- *Seize the Summer* (kindergarten prep); *Tips for Easing Kindergarten Jitters*; *Save the Date* (Coalition); *Childhood Obesity*; *Halloween: The Day After* (2);

Stories: 1

11 presentations/events to 111 people

Site Visits: 1



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Date	Description	# of Partic.	Comments
Dec 1	Published article in Graham County School Newsletter, <i>Like All Skills, Gratitude is Best Learned Young.</i>		Thanks, Donna! I appreciate your ongoing support.
Dec 3	Published article in <i>Eastern AZ Courier</i> and <i>Copper Era</i> , <u>Simple Toys Best for Young Kids' Learning.</u>		This article featured quotes from JoAnn Morales, EAC Early Childhood Instructor and FTF Council Member.
Dec 10	Published article in <i>Eastern AZ Courier</i> and <i>Copper Era</i> <u>Holiday Traditions Build Skills in Young Kids.</u>		This article featured quotes from Donna McGaughey, Graham Co. Supt and FTF Council Member.
Dec 12	Met with Billie Huff, Site Director for Mt Graham High School Child Care Center		Billie and I scheduled and began plans for a site visit at 10:00 on Wednesday, January 28 th .
Dec 12	Met with Christie Rivera, Site Director for SHS Bulldog Boulevard		Christie and I scheduled and began plans for a site visit at 2:30 on Thursday, January 29 th .
Dec 17	Published article in <i>Eastern AZ Courier</i> and <i>Copper Era</i> , <u>Helping Young Kids Beat the Holiday Blues.</u>		Thanks to David Bell, editor. He has published every FTF article submitted in FY15. He is now finding space for us in BOTH papers!
Dec 17	Attended the Graham-Greenlee Home Visitation Coalition meeting, hosted by Alvina Guinn.	17	The theme of this meeting was "celebration of successes". I shared a story of a scholarship recipient and encouraged members to keep an ongoing log of success stories in home visitation. I also offered to conduct a Write Way training for coalition members.
Dec 18	Attended the Graham County Community Networking Team meeting.	6	Small attendance but it gave us plenty of time to chat about many related issues. I shared the Graham/Greenlee Data report published by Shari. It encouraged a good deal of conversation.
Dec 19	Met with Angela Mussi, my FTF supervisor, via phone.		We reviewed my December and January activities. Angela always provides good advice to support my work.
Dec 22	Attended an open house at Child and Family Resources.	7	Michelle Pursley hosted this event to introduce newly hired personnel at CFR. All attendees spoke of upcoming activities. I encouraged participation in the Early Childhood Coalition and SEATA. This was a very pleasant affair (with incredible food!)
Dec 22	Attended a Cenpatico meeting hosted by Susan Richards.	9	This networking meeting is held quarterly, giving Cenpatico an opportunity to update agencies about services, recent legislation, etc. Each attendee also offered a description of their respective programs.
Dec 28	Published an article in the Senior Citizen Newsletter, <i>Helping Young Kids Beat the Holiday Blues.</i>		This article was edited to speak of grandchildren, grandparents and caregivers. Thanks to Royce Hunt for allowing the space!
Total		39	

Cumulative Report (July – December 2014):

Earned Media: 14 - *Countdown to Kindergarten* Series in the *Courier and Copper Era* (7); *Like All Skills, Gratitude is Best Learned Young*; *Simple Toys* (2); *Holiday Traditions* (2); *Holiday Blues* (2)

Newsletter Articles: 8 -- *Seize the Summer* (kindergarten prep); *Tips for Easing Kindergarten Jitters*; *Save the Date (Coalition)*; *Childhood Obesity*; *Halloween: The Day After* (2); *Gratitude*; *Holiday Blues*.

Stories: 1 – *A Family Affair*

15 presentations/events to 150 people

Site Visits: 1 – Morenci Early Childhood Center

TO RPC: You are invited to attend a site visit (scheduled for January 28th at Mt. Graham High School or January 29th at Safford High School. Please let me know if you are interested and available.

Regional Partnership Council Outreach Tactics FY15

Revisit and update on January 12, 2015

Tactic	Ryan	Donna	Laurie	Kacey (new)	Christie	Pam	Stacey	Susan	JoAnn (absent)
Recruit sign-ups for Imagination Library		X	X		X		X	X	
Refer a story to Outreach Coordinator	X	X	X		X				
Write a story or editorial		X	X						
Participate in Early Childhood Coalition	X	X	X		X			X	
Attend a FTF Training/Event		X	X		X		X	X	
Co-host an FTF training		X	X			X			
Schedule Outreach Coordinator as a speaker		X	X					X	
Attend a site visit	X		X		X	X	X	X	
Work an FTF booth			X		X	X	X		
Share posts on social networks			X				X	X	
Spread the word @ work and social arenas	X	X	X			X			
Publish FTF stories and/or articles in newsletters		X						X	
Distribute promotional materials							X	X	

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